Present Tense of

Ser vs. Estar

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Estar

Estar: to be

Reasons to use Estar: how you feel and where you are

Forms of estar

(Yo) - estoy	(Nosotros(as)) - estamos
(Tú) - estás	(vosotros(as)) - estáis
(Él/Ella/Ud) - está	(ellos/ellas/Uds) - están

Examples:

Yo estoy enferma. = I am (feeling) sick.

Tú estás en la escuela. = You are in school.

¡Estamos felices! = We are happy!

Ella está en la casa. = She is at home.

Ser

Ser: To be

Reasons to use ser: occupation, relationships, characteristics, origins, telling time, or anything but how you feel and where you are.

Forms of ser

(Yo) - soy	(Nosotros(as)) - somos
(Tú) - eres	(vosotros(as)) - sois
(Él/Ella/Ud) - es	(ellos/ellas/Uds) - son

Examples:

Yo soy alto. = I am tall.

Somos inteligentes. = We are smart.

Ellas es una profesora. = She is a teacher.

Ellos son mis primos. = They are my cousins.